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A GREAT NEW
CYBERMEN
ADVENTURE



# LETTER FROM



Dear All,

Just to show that the might of Marvel Comics are sparing no expense on this wonderful new weekly of mine, following on from the first four issues' Lettraset transfers, this week's issue has a real topper of a

Just a glace at the cover and you can see the great prizes in store for the lucky three winners: for our younger readers – a Raleigh Grifter, and for older readers - either a Raleigh Chopper, or a Raleigh Twenty

You'll find further details and the competition on pages 8 and 9 of this issue!

Then next week. . . another great competition with prizes including a fantastic portable television and a selection of handsome wristwatches!

Plus, any week now, we'll have the results (and winners) to our first £5 prize-winning "Crazy Caption" competition number one, with further winners and prizes every week thereafter.

Also starting soon will be your page - the letters column. So be sure to send in your letters to me, care of Marvel Comics at the address below.

And while writing, be sure to send in a photo of yourself, so we can brighten up the readers' page with photographs of you all! Happy times and places

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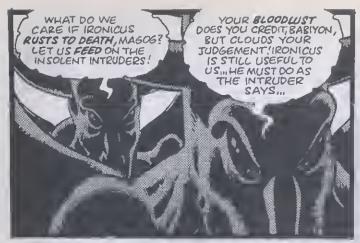


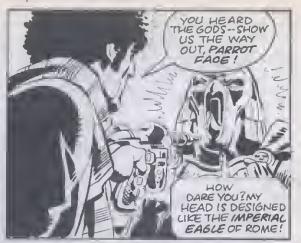






















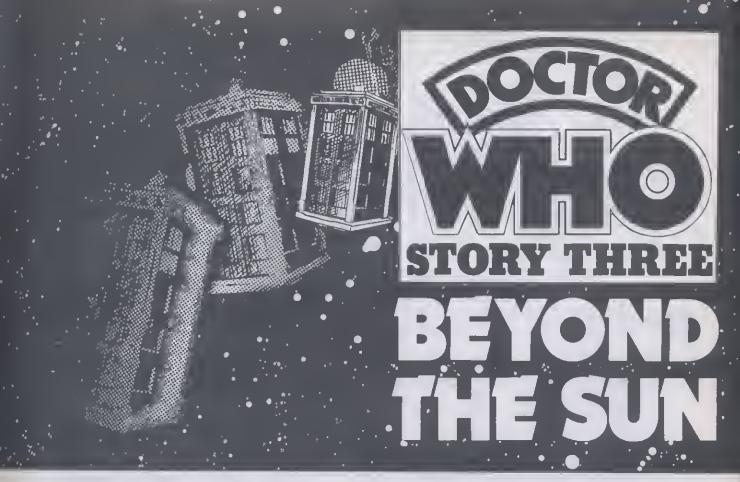












This week we focus on one of the Doctor's strangest mysteries . . . Literally a race against time. Researched by Jeremy Bentham.

n the hope of returning lan and Barbara to their homes in the 20th Century, the Doctor activates the "fast return" switch on the TARDIS console to whird the ship back through time from its most recent location on the Dalek planet of Skaro. But as the switch clicks home a thunderous explosion shakes the craft, dimming the lights and rendering the travellers unconscious.

The four gradually regain their senses in the semi-darkness but it is immediately evident that something is wrong! At first they all suffer from temporary amnesia but when this clears it soon becomes apparent that all four of them have undergone dramatic personality changes . . .The Doctor accuses the two school teachers of sabotaging the TARDIS out of spite for his failure to get them home Barbara rounds on him, suggesting that their problem is the result of some external force. Perhaps a fifth, unseen entity has somehow entered the ship and is even now roaming its barely-lit corridors . . .

Other mysterious revelations soon come to light. The food machine malfunctions; the whole console (aside from the scanner and "fast return" knobs) becomes electrically charged; and even the scanner itself begins showing strange unrelated images — of a planet, a solar system a galaxy, and then a planet once more, in rapid succession.

Failing to comprehend what is happening to them, the travellers find themselves lurching and staggering about the ship as though drunk with even simple reason and concentration becoming difficult. At one point the pressure becomes too much for Susan and she loses control attacking Barbara and lan with a pair of scissors, before finally collapsing in a sobbing heap.

Subbling neap.

Susan lan and Barbara,

The Doctor is forced to consider the grim possibility that these desruptions are the cause of an evil, invisible power which has somehow possessed them all,

This observation is confirmed in the Doctor's eyes as two further phenomena occur. Firstly every clock face in the TARDIS melts before their eyes — wristwatches, pocket watches, even the Doctor's antique clock distorts before them.

## THE DOCTOR TRIES DESPERATELY TO UNCOVER A DEEPENING MYSTERY!

Then the massive doors leading to the "outside" swing open, but onto what? For all that lies beyond is a brilliant-white radiance...nothingness!

As the doors silently glide shut tempers among the group begin to fray once more and the accusations begin anew, It is the Doctor who calms the situation down again by abruptly producing a tray of drinks — a nightcap to soothe their nerves. But the willy old man has drugged the drinks and as lan, Barbara and Susan quaff their drinks, they become overwhelmingly tired. Barely have they time to retire to their rooms before they sink into a deep sleep.

Alone now in the control room the Doctor tries furiously to understand the nature of what is happening to his ship, and the curious pictures on the scanner; planet, solar system, galaxy, endlessly

repeating. So engrossed is he in these studies that he fails to see a pair of hands reaching out of the darkness towards his throat...

It is Ian. Frantically he tries to choke the Doctor before being stunned by an electrical charge from the console. Suddenly another explosion resounds in the ship bringing Barbara and Susan hurriedly back into the control room. The doors then swing open again onto the same brilliant glow, and the Doctor motions the recovering lan aside and explains to him his fear that the ship may soon blow up. Pointing to the hexagonal control console he explains that the power of the TARDIS is held beneath it. If the explosions continue then that power could be released, destroying the whole ship in a mighty holocaust!

#### THE TARDIS HEADS TOWARDS DESTRUCTION AT THE BOUNDARY OF CREATION!

As the four stand on the brink of disaster the Doctor finally realises what has happened. The images on the scanner, the melting of the clock faces, the visions of nothingness. They are all connected It is a warning: the TARDIS is trying to alert its occupants to the fact that it is heading back through time at an everincreasing speed until eventually arriving at the point where time itself began. The boundary of creation — a point which even the TARDIS cannot cross without being destroyed!

And all this had begun when the "fast return" switch was touched to speed the journey between Skaro in the future and Earth further back in the past. Literally working against time, the Doctor dismantles the switch on the only safe part of the console and discovers the mechanism below has jammed, locking the TARDIS into its "fast return" mode.

#### THE FOUR TRAVELLERS LAND AT LAST...BUT WHERE?

The Doctor hastily frees the switch, breaking the circuit and allowing all the lights in the ship to come up to normal brilliance again. As they do so the stifling atmosphere of depression lifts — the TARDIS is safe.

Resetting all the controls, the Doctor brings about a normal materialisation before turning to Barbara to apologise for his rash accusations earlier. The TARDIS has landed on the snowy slopes of a mountain. Susan eagerly rushes out and as the other three turn to follow her, she dashes back to say that she has found the foot print of a giant!



## COMMENT

This incredibly complex two part story was written mainly with the idea of introducing viewers to the concepts of the TARDIS, and familiarising them further with the characters of the Doctor, lan, Barbara and Susan. The interior set of the TARDIS was the biggest in the show's entire history and was complemented by the addition of a bedroom with couch-like beds, and corridors linking to the smaller alcove where in stood the food machine — after all, even time travellers have to eat.

All the action took place inside the TARDIS and their were no additional members of the cast for this story; another experiment which has never since been duplicated.

#### BEYOND THE SUN Credits

The Doctor (William Hartnell); Ian Chesterton (William Russell); Susan Foreman (Calole Ann Ford); Barbara Wright (Jacqueline Ann Ford) Written by David Whitaker Directed by Richard Martin and Frank Cox
Script Editor David Whitaker

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Mervyn Pinfold

Next week: THE DOCTOR MEETS MARCO POLO!



### RALEIGH BICYCLES TO BE WON!

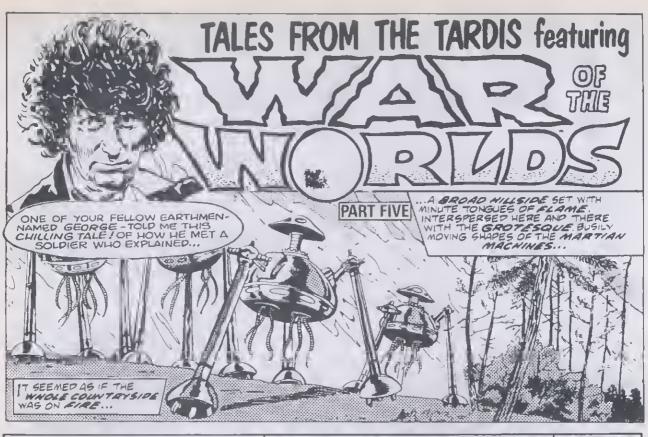
#### AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

Here's another great, free competition for you to enter! And look what you could win. One of these three fantastic bikes! Choose from: a Twenty Shopper with a detachable front basket - just right for the family, a Grifter-strong and stable with all the pace and pounce your could want, or a Chopper with its hi-rise handle bars and T-bar gear shift. Simply cut out the lower section of this page, and be sure to mail it no later than November 21st, 1979, with all the differences you can see (circled), and you could win a free bike delivered to your home. Results will be announced soon!

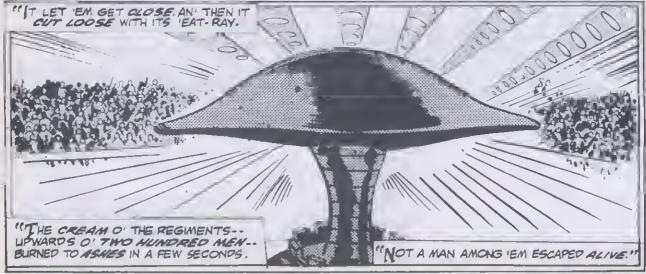
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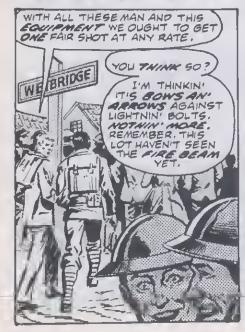


























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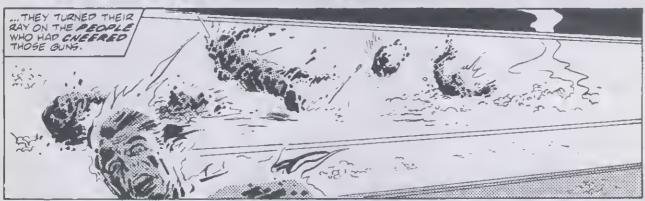




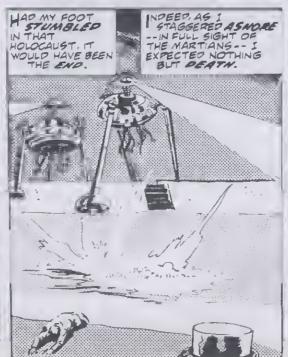














**NEXT WEEK: THE ROUT OF MANKIND!** 

THE MONSTERS OF DOCTOR WHO:

## The Master

This week we present a fact-filled feature on perhaps the most dangerous of the Doctor's enemies, The Master, researched by Gordon Blows.

A fiend who glories in chaos and destruction; the sworn arch-enemy of the Doctor and like him, a Time Lord from long ago. This is the Master, an evil and deadly renegade of the ruling civilisation of Gallifrey.

Having studied with the Doctor at the Time Lord Academy, he shared not so much a friendship with him as a sparring of intellect, a contest to see who could do better — quicker. When the Doctor was thrown out of the Academy being disillusioned with the Time Lord way of life, he absconded in the TARDIS. The Master then realised what freedom would bring for himself. Not spurred on by the Doctor's thirst for knowledge but rather by a hunger for power, he delighted in the misery and enslavement of lesser species.

On his travels after his escape from the home planet of Gallifrey, the Master encountered many life-forms, several of which he was to lead against Earth in an attempt to ravage the world for which the Doctor had so much affection. After the Autons and the Axons had been narrowly defeated by the Doctor and the armed



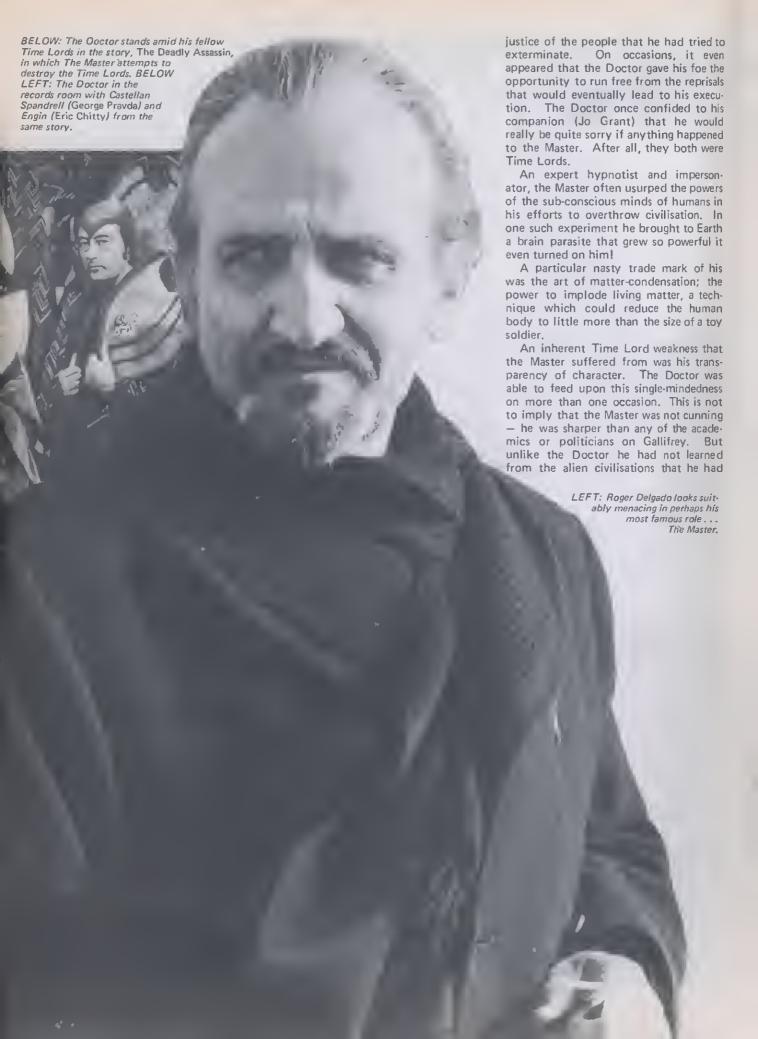


might of UNIT, the Master turned his gaze to a far greater target. Examining files that he had stolen from the archives of the Time Lords he had discovered the location of the ultimate weapon of the Universe, a deadly machine produced by an ancient technology on a distant planet in the far flung future. Realising the threat, the Time Lords temporarily released the Doctor from his exile on Earth, sending him in pursuit of the demonic villain. Cornered, the Master actually offered the Doctor a share in the control of the Universe — an offer that he flatly refused.

#### THE DOCTOR OFTEN TRICKED THE MASTER INTO DEFEAT

The Master constantly attempted more than his powers alone could manage. He would then call on the help of his sworn enemy and intellectual equal!

It was a situation which the Doctor could always take advantage of, constantly tricking the Master into defeat. But however often the Master was outwitted, he would always escape the





The Master finds himself at the end of his regenerative powers in The Deadly Assassin, and attempts to destroy Gallifrey, home of the Time Lords.

encountered on his travels. He remained very much a Gallifreyan.

Thus, when his plans of conquest were drawing to their successful conclusion he would gloatingly reveal all to the Doctor, not being able to resist the urge to explain his own cleverness. The Doctor would then see a flaw in the Master's plan and bring about his downfall.

Released from his exile on Earth, the Doctor met the Master in his most familiar form only once more when his archenemy paved the way for what could have been the greatest ever Dalek invasion of the Universe.

#### THE NEW MASTER DEBUTED IN "THE DEADLY ASSASSIN"

For all eight of the Master/Dr. Who adventures from 1971 to 1973, the role of the Master had been played by Roger Delgado. In three years he had established himself as British television's best-known and loved super-villain. His popularity even went so far as to reach a par with the portrayal of the Doctor himself (then played by Jon Pertwee).

So it was as much a shock and loss to the television cast and audience alike when Roger Delgado died in a motoring accident whilst working on a film in

The Master had been destined to appear just once more in the Jon Pertwee series of Doctor Who, and it had been planned that their final showdown would have been the most revealing of all, explaining the true relationship between the Doctor and the Master. Sadly, after the tragic accident the character of the Master was rested. How could anyone take over such a part? It was solely that of Delgado's.

Four years later, with an entirely different cast and production team, an experiment was attempted. The Master returned played by Peter Pratt, but not in an easily recognisable guise. The story of "The Deadly Assassin" was an exciting and daring way of reintroducing the Doctor's deadliest enemy.

The adventure involved the Master's return to Gallifrey in a bid to save his degenerate and emaciated body. He had reached the end of his regenerative powers, his mind had become more warped and evil than it had ever been and now dared to attempt to destroy Gallifrey itself! Frail as he was he succeeded in regenerating, and left Gallifrey — with the Doctor in pursuit. The Castellan of the Time Lords observed: "The Universe is not big enough for both of them,"

Once more we await the showdown between these two principal Time Lords.

Next Week: LINX AND THE SONTARANS!

## **CRAZY CAPTION 5**

ere we are once more with another of our candid shots from the Doctor Who to series that just cries out for a crazy caption. And, as in all our previous issues, not only can you have fun thinking one up, but you've also the opportunity to win a five pound prize by letting us in on the joke.

Simply send us your best joke comment — on a postcard, please — in twenty-five words or less and you could be the lucky person to receive five pounds. Not to mention amusing all our other readers, when we print your joke along with your name in a future issue of Doctor Who Weekly.

Even if you're not the lucky first prize winner, we'll be sending out ten signed full colour photos of Tom Baker as the Doctor to the ten runner's up, along with printing their names in a future issue!

As ever, there's no need to damage the magazine by cutting out the photo below, we've only added the speech balloon so you know who (no pun intended) is cracking the witticism!

And if you don't win this time around, despair not, we'll be printing a new crazy caption photo every week, so you've got 52 chances every year of winning!

Send your entries to us - postmarked no later than November 14th - at:

CRAZY CAPTION NUMBER FIVE, Doctor Who Weekly, Marvel Comics, Jadwin House, 205-211 Kentish Town Road, London NW5.

Also, while writing, why not let us know (a) what you like most, (b) what you like least, and (c) what you would most like to see soon, in Doctor Who Weekly.





## Entry Number Five: ~ MARY TAMM

BORN: 1950

ROLE: The first incarnation of Romana.

YEARS: 1978-1979

MAJOR FILM APPEARANCES: The Odessa File; The Likely Lads.

OTHER MAJOR TV ROLES: Coronation Street; Return of the Saint; BBC television series: The Girls of Slender Means.

SPECIAL MENTION: Following Louise Jameson's hugely successful role as the skin-clad savage Leela, the BBC deliberately altered their approach when it came to casting her successor. Leela had been a huntress living by instinct, Romana was to be cool, intelligent and sophisticated.

An aura of magic surrounds her appointment. She was chosen from an audition of nearly 500 actresses following a recommendation from a clair-voyant that she should apply for the post. A strong believer in Astrology and Numerology, Mary was advised well ahead of the audition that a big role was in the offing and that she should go after it.

Romana's arrival marked a turning point for Doctor Who. The Doctor's new companion was no longer a mere human but rather an acolyte Time Lord freshly graduated from the Academy at the tender age of 120I From then on the series centred on the adventures of two aliens and a robot in time and space...













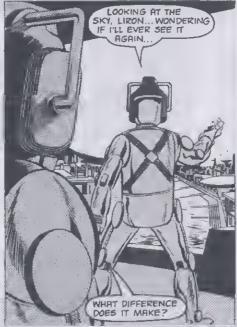






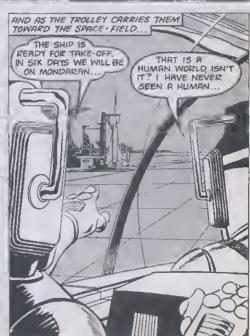


















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